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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Election/Restriction:

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Claims 1-13 and 20 (Group I) and Claims 14-19 (Group II). Applicants hereby elect the Examiner's Group II (Claims 14-19) without traverse.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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